

bytery of Kingston to deal with it "according to the laws of the Church." Dr. Laing held with Mr. Campbell and others that the law of the Church was perfectly plain, and that the Presbytery could not stay procedure in dealing with an offender because there was an agitation in favour of a change of law.

#### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The evening sederunt was entirely occupied with the consideration of the report on French Evangelization which was presented by Principal Macvicar, convener. As in former years, the work of the Board has been carried on by means of three agencies, namely:—colportage, mission schools, and preaching stations. During the past year eleven colporteurs were employed. This is a part of the work requiring great prudence and unflinching zeal and it has been found difficult to procure the services of a sufficient number of suitable agents. The number of Bibles and portions of the Bible distributed during the year was 1,962, and of tracts and other religious publications, about 22,000. The Board attaches special importance to the schools. They are increasingly alive to the necessity of getting hold of the young, and are most anxious to plant a mission school in every district where a sufficient number of children can be found whose parents are willing to have them attend. During the past year mission day-schools were maintained at seventeen different places, with twenty-two teachers, and 537 pupils. The Pointe-aux-Trembles schools still occupy a chief place in the educational department. Ninety-eight pupils were in attendance last year. Thirty-four of these belonged to Roman Catholic parents; sixty-three were the children of converts, and one of Protestant parents. The constant aim of the teachers in this institution is not only to give a good education to the young people, but also, and chiefly, to bring them under the influence of the Bible, and to teach them the only way of salvation, through the merits of our Saviour. About forty of last year's pupils are members of the Church. The preaching stations of the Board are chiefly in the Province of Quebec, but they are to be found also in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba, and even in the United States. In all, the Gospel is preached at seventy-eight stations. Twenty-one

of the missionaries are ordained ministers. Mr. Chiniquy reports that about 400 converted families from Rome are in the different stations visited by him, and among the converts of the year are two priests and a monk. A commodious and handsome new church is in the course of erection for Mr. Ami in Ottawa. The French weekly newspaper *L'Aurore*, under the able management of Messrs. Duclos and Cruchet, has attained a circulation of 1,500 subscribers and is of great value as an evangelizing agency. Arrangements are being made to publish an edition in French of the Shorter Catechism. Mr. Coté of Lowell, Massachusetts, has been released from his charge and appointed Superintendent of French Canadian missions for that State, while Mr. Amaron, of Three Rivers, has accepted a call to Lowell as Mr. Coté's successor.

**FINANCES.**—The report states that \$24,990.37 were received during the year for the ordinary work of the Board, and \$5,485.01 on behalf of the Pointe aux Trembles Schools, making a total of \$30,475.38 for the year. Among the receipts is a sum of \$1,451.10 from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. To this church and the convener of its Colonial committee, Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Limerick, as also to all the friends of the mission in Canada, Britain, and the United States, the Board return heartfelt thanks for their generous contributions.

The following summary of the work of the year will doubtless prove interesting:—11 Colporteurs,—1962 Bibles, Testaments and Gospels, and about 22,000 tracts &c., distributed; seventeen mission day schools, with twenty-two teachers and 537 pupils; forty-two mission fields, with seventy-eight preaching stations, 965 families and 934 communicants; a Sabbath attendance of about 2,200, and 973, Sabbath-school scholars; twelve young men studying for the ministry; and an addition of about 200 members during the year, nearly all of whom were on profession of faith, and chiefly gathered in from the Church of Rome.

"Contrasted with ten years ago,—'What has God wrought?' What cause for devout, heartfelt thanksgiving, and what encouragement to more vigorous self-sacrificing effort, and to earnest prayer! In answer to fervent supplication, the humble colporteur, the